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# Retirement Bill Signed by President

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President Eisenhower has signed a new retirement bill which will benefit several thousand widows and widowers of deceased Federal employees.

It will let them pay back into the Civil Service Retirement Fund all or part of any contributions the deceased spouse may have withdrawn from the Civil Service Retirement Fund.

In this way, they can build up their survivorship annuities to the level they would have attained had there been no withdrawals from the Fund.

Federal employees who leave the service are permitted to withdraw their contributions. If they return, they ordinarily attempt to repay.

The new retirement bill was signed the day before the President signed the independent offices appropriation with its rider prohibiting retirement increases unless Congress first votes the necessary funds. That means the new bill will not be affected by the rider.